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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keiichiro ISHIHARA) : Examiner: James Phan
Application No.: 09/696,000) : Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: October 26, 2000) :
For: OPTICAL SCANNING) : February 6, 2004
APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM :
OPTICAL SCANNING) :
APPARATUS, AND :
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS) :

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced application.